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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing with the request that the forced molting of laying hens be put to an end and that petition docket #98P-0203/CP be granted. The evidence is plain that this procedure weakens the hens' immune system, causing them to harbor more and more virulent bacteria strains which are passed on in due course to unaware human consumers. It is not worth the risk to our young and our elderly to save a few dollars in production costs. It is also unusually cruel to deliberately deny any domestic animal food, no matter how undeserving they may appear to be of any kindness or consideration. It reflects badly on humans as a species that we care so little about the animals we keep and, ultimately, the health of the uninformed public.

Sincerely,

  
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